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SUBJECT: US/EC PRESIDENCY DIALOGUE: US BRIEFING ON SOUTH
AFRICAN ISSUES

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1. IN REVIEWING DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL DIRECTORS, RUTTEN ALSO TOUCHED BROADLY ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES. HE EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR BRIEFING WINSTON LORD HAD PROVIDED FOR AMBASSADOR TAMMENOMS BAKKER AND ADDED THAT HIS BRITISH, FRENCH AND GERMAN COLLEAGUES HAD ALSO PROVIDED FURTHER USEFUL INSIGHT ON US VIEWS. EC-9 HAD AGREED TO ABSTAIN FROM ANY ACTION DURING SECRETARY'S TRIP AND THEN REVIEW SITUATION IN LIGHT OF WHAT TRIP MAY PRODUCE. EC-9N HE SAID, WILL BE AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT ANY PROMISING INITIATIVE.

2. IN LIGHT OF INFORMATION AVAILABLE, RUTTEN COMMENTED THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE SOME REAL PROMISE OF A SOLUTION FOR NAMIBIA BUT MUCH LESS ON RHODESIA IN VIEW OF APPARENT UNWILLINGNESS OF PRIME MINISTER VORSTER TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON IAN SMITH AND THE DEEP DIVISION OF VARIOUS LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. EC-9 WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER HOW FAR THEY COULD PARTICIPATE IN ANY PEACE MOVE BY DIPLOMATIC PRESSURES ON THOSE INVOLVED.

3. ONE PROBLEM ON NAMIBIA THAT SEEMED TO CONCERN
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RUTTEN WAS MANNER IN WHICH SOME LINK WITH UN COULD BE

ESTABLISHED. HE THOUGHT UN LINKAGE WAS INDISPENSABLE
BECAUSE HE DID NOT BELIEVE ANY SOLUTION COULD BE SOLD
TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY GENERALLY IF THERE WAS NOT
SOME FORM OF UN PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS LEADING TO
NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENCE SUCH AS, FOR EXAMPLE, UN SUPER-
VISION OF ELECTIONS.
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